

Challenges We Face for the 21st Century

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Our Current State

- Achievement
- Course-taking patterns
- Graduation rates
- Postsecondary
- Teacher supply and demand

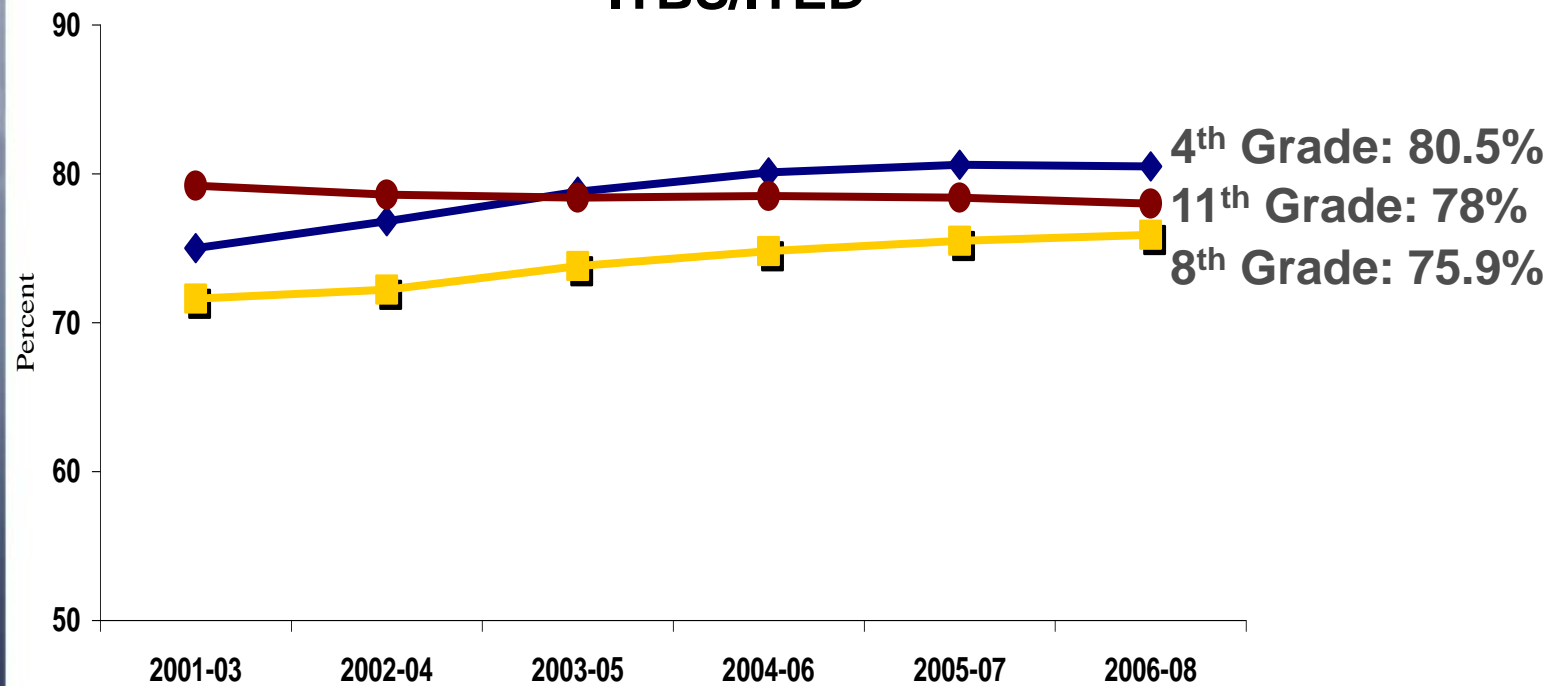
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Desired State

- Iowa Core Curriculum
- 21st Century Skills
- Teaching & Learning
- Assessment

Student Achievement

Math Trends ITBS/ITED





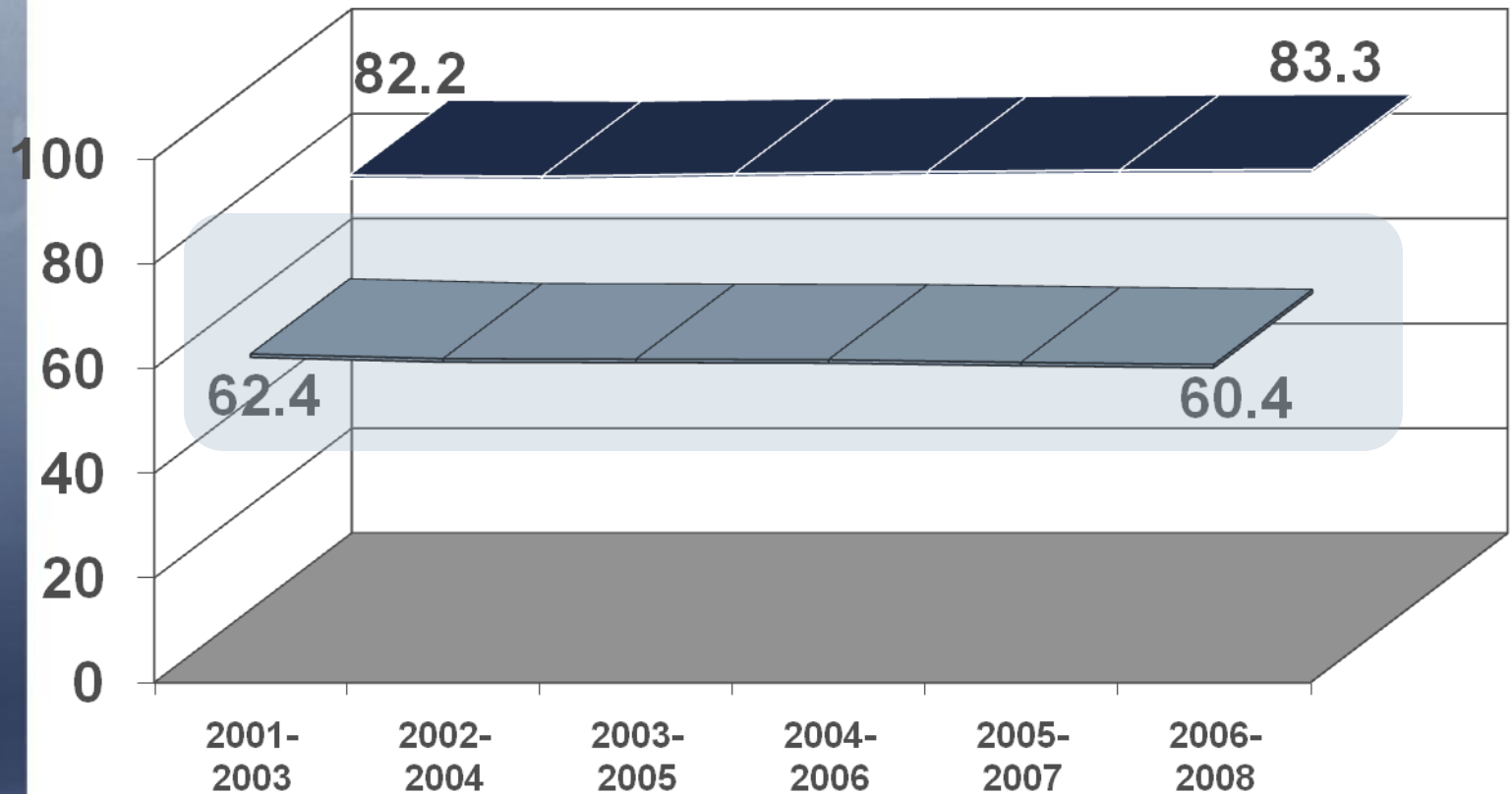
Student Achievement

11th Grade ***Math*** Percent Proficient

	2001-03	2006-08	
Asian	78.6%	77.7%	- 0.9%
American Indian	61.3%	63.1%	+1.8%
African American	43.8%	44.7%	+ 0.9%
Hispanic	52.8%	54.3%	+ 1.5%
White	81.1%	80.6%	- 0.5%

Student Achievement

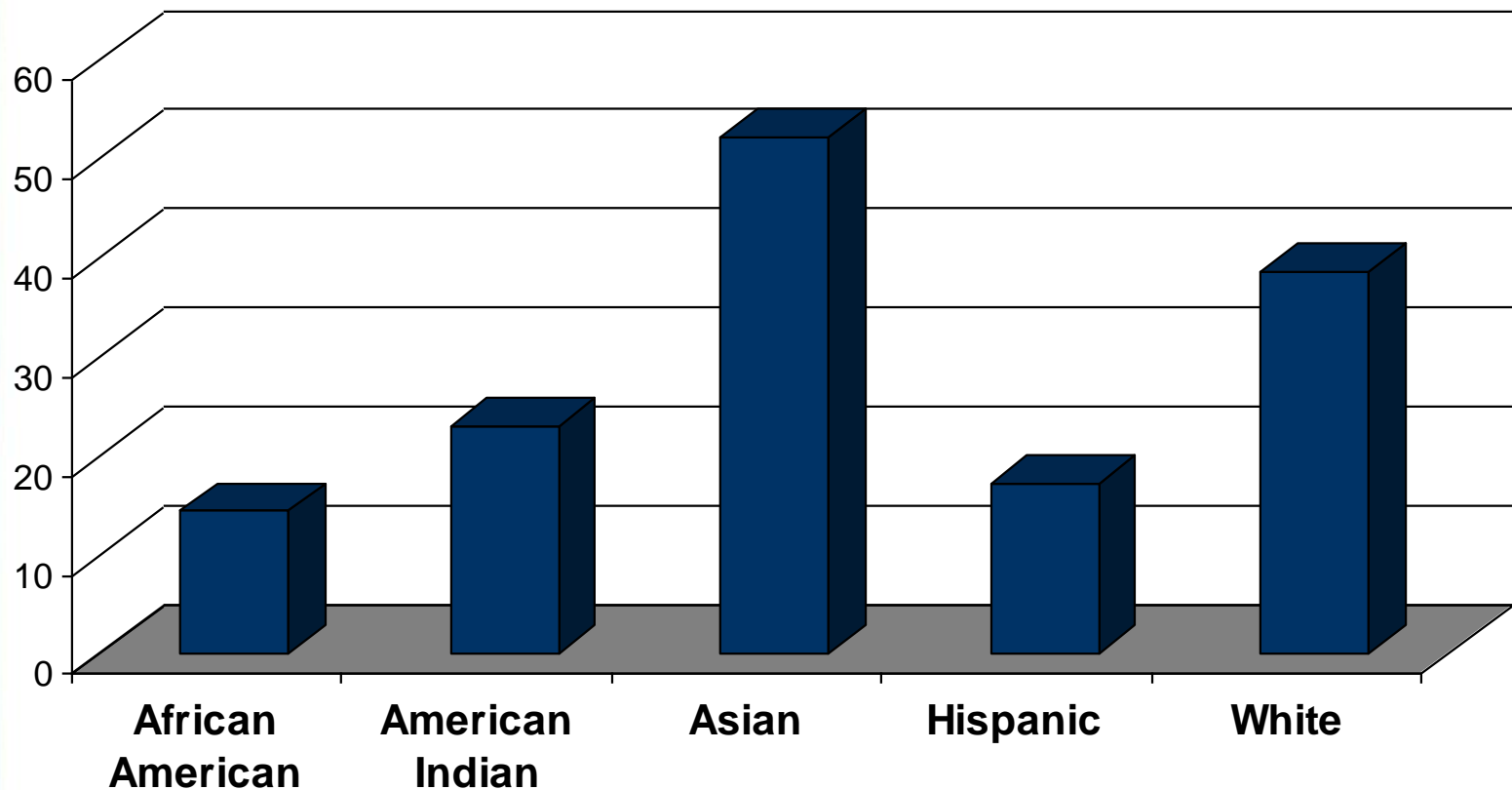
ITED Math 11th Grade Low-income Students



- Not Eligible for Free or Reduced Meals
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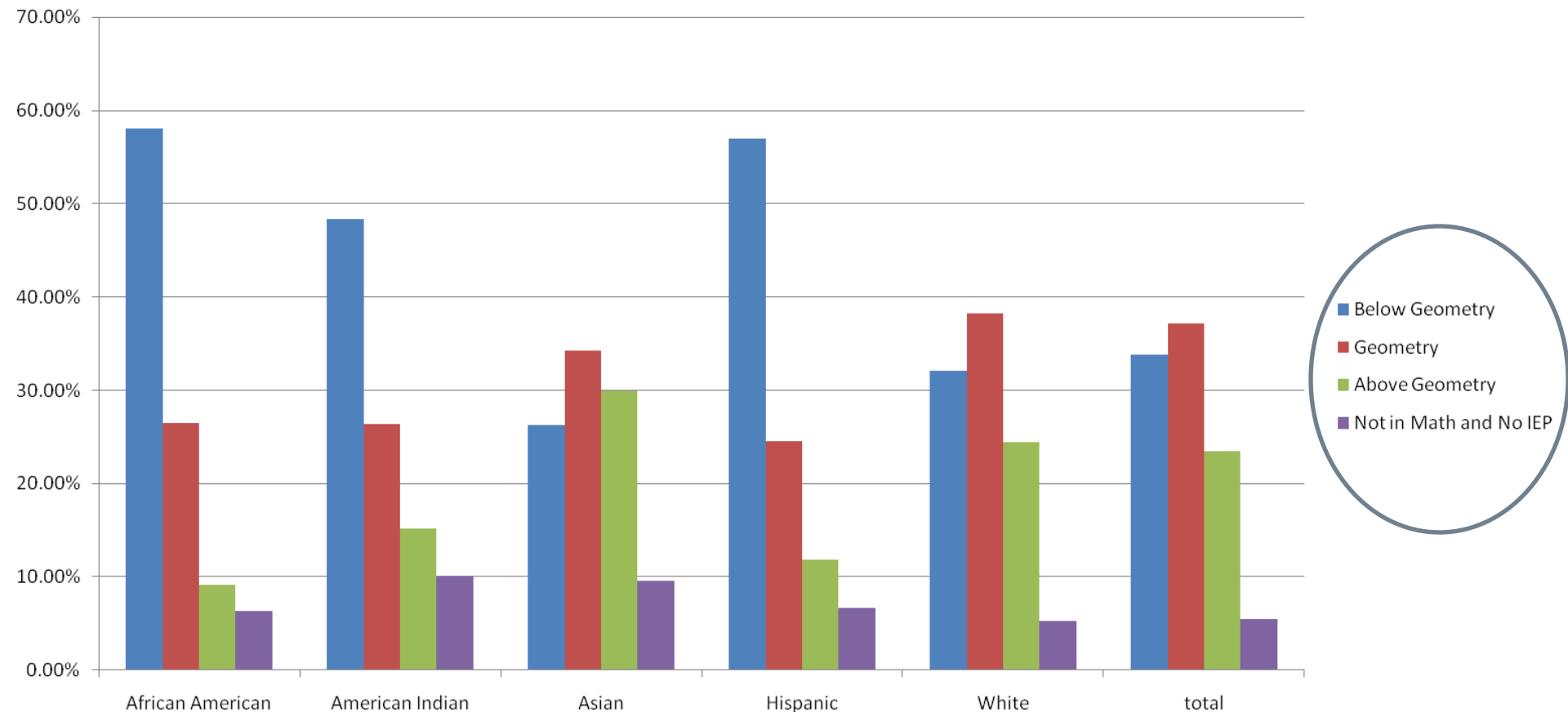
Student Achievement

Percent of Students Taking Higher-level *Math*



Student Achievement

Class of 2008: Enrollment of Math Courses





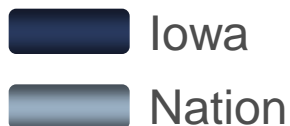
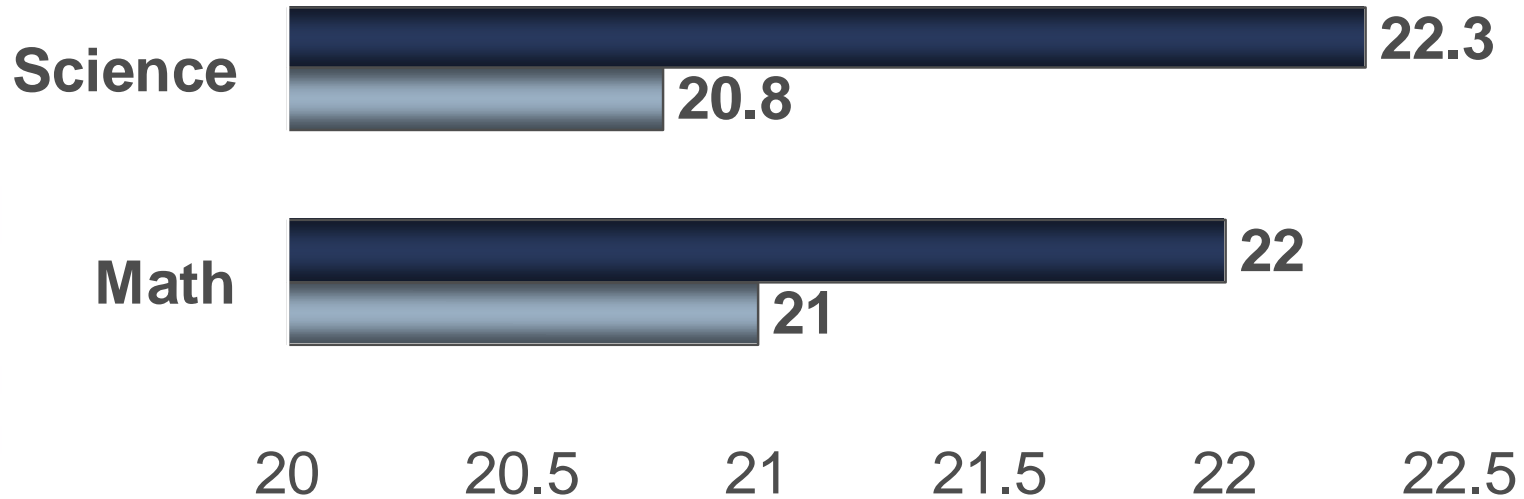
Student Achievement

What Students are Learning...

District Size	<i>Higher-level Math</i>	<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>Physics</i>	<i>Foreign Language</i>
<300	29.5%	59.4%	24.1%	77.7%
300-599	30.8	58.4	23.6	79.0
600-999	34.1	59.9	23.1	81.1
1,000-2,499	40.4	60.7	23.9	81.6
2,500-7,499	43.2	64.8	25.4	82.9
7,500+	34.3	54.4	26.6	78.3
State	37.1	59.4	24.8	80.5

Student Achievement

ACT Scores 2008 Graduating Class



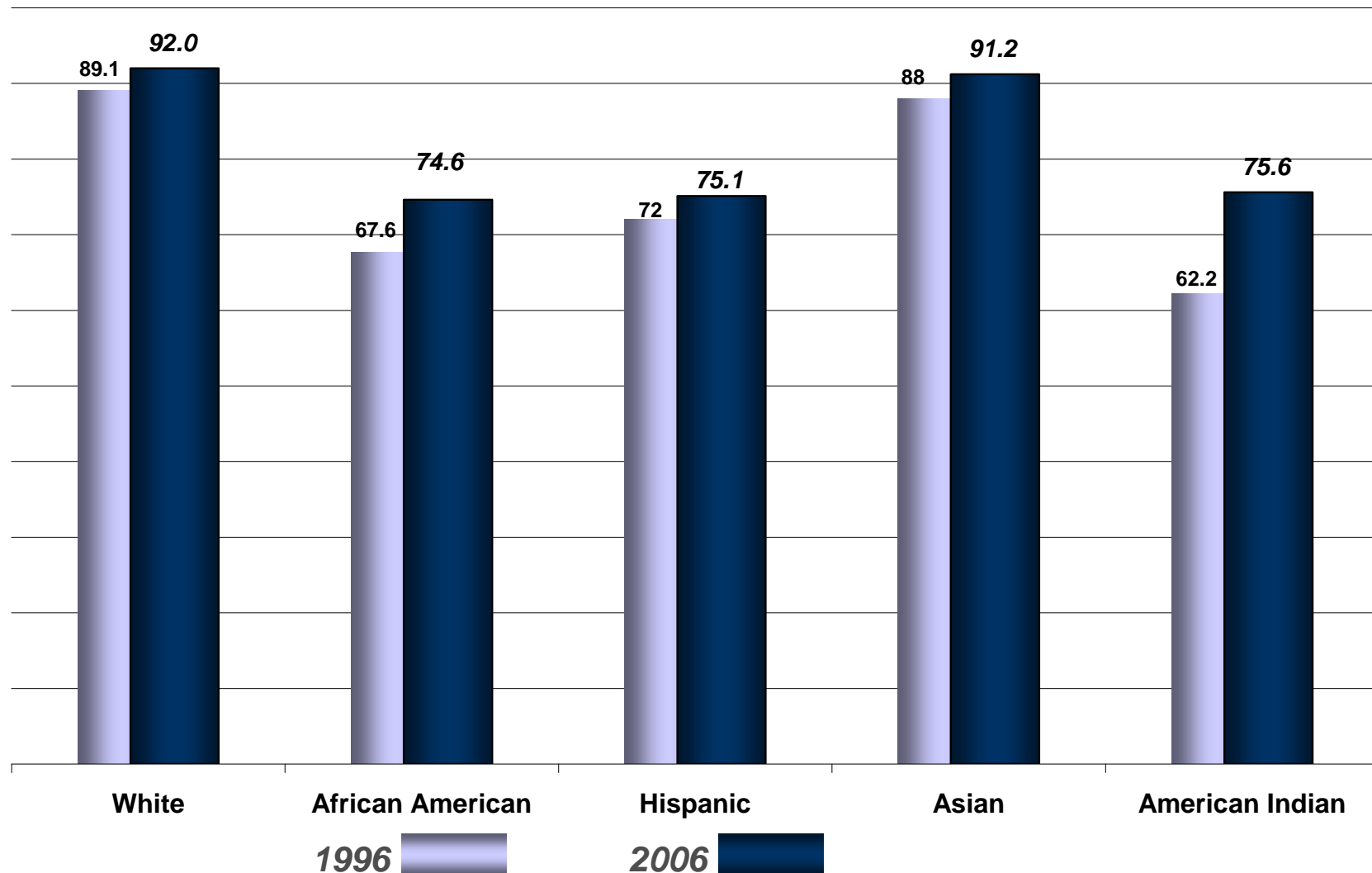
Student Achievement

ACT Scores 2008 Graduating Class by Race/Ethnicity

All Students	22.4
African-American	17.8
American Indian	20.9
Caucasian American	22.5
Hispanic	20.1
Asian American	22.7
Other/No Response	22.8

Student Achievement

Graduation Rate by Race/Ethnicity



Student Achievement

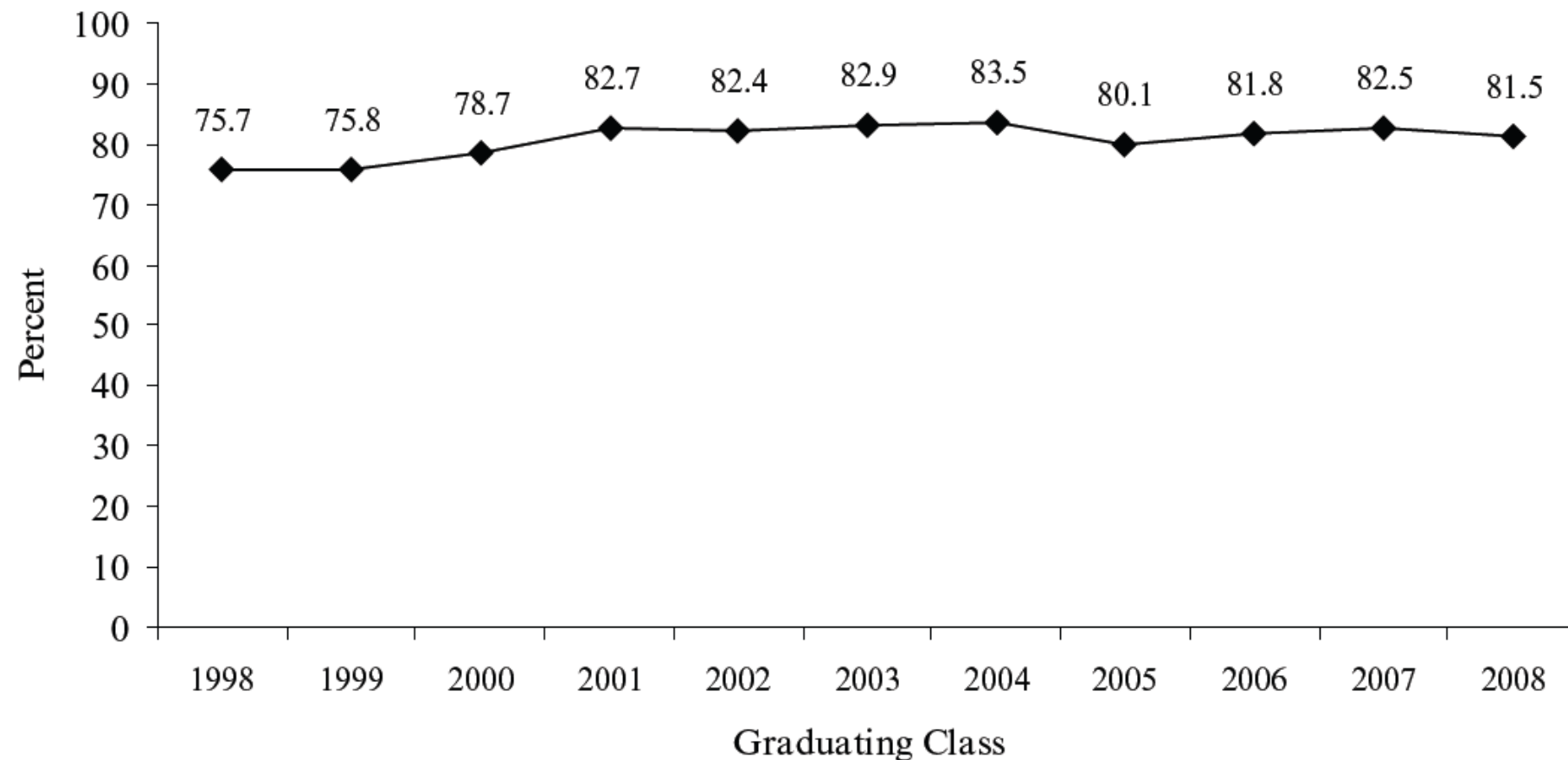


90.5% graduation rate, among top in nation

81.5% plan to pursue additional training or college after high school

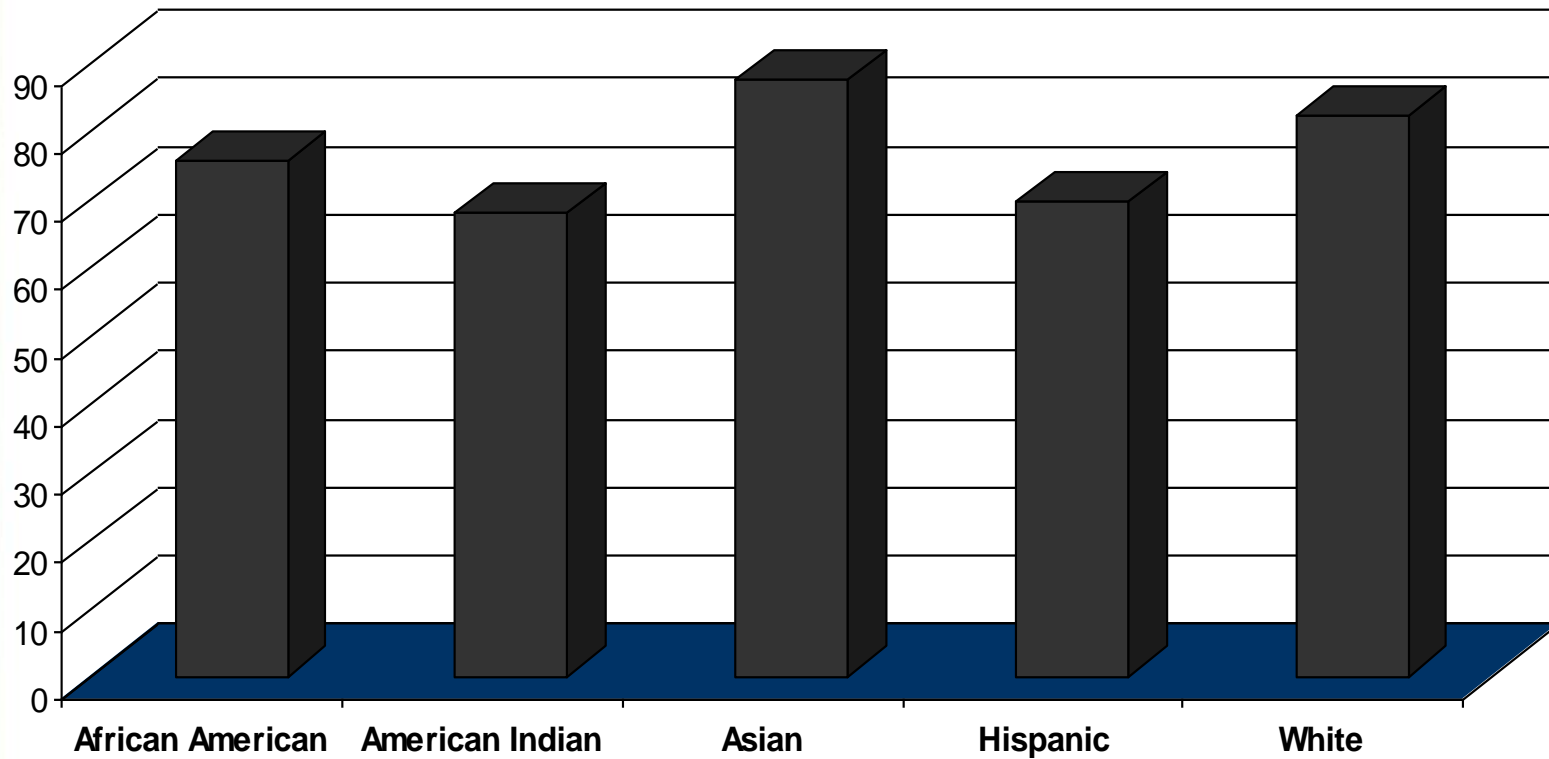
Student Achievement

Intentions to Pursue Postsecondary Education



Student Achievement

Intentions to Pursue Postsecondary Education By Race/Ethnicity



Teacher Shortages: Math/Science

2007-2008

**7-12 Math
Teachers**

**Ready to
Retire
214**

**Projected
Graduates
120**

**Biology
Teachers**

**Ready to
Retire
185**

**Projected
Graduates
85**

**Chemistry
Teachers**

**Ready to
Retire
116**

**Projected
Graduates
38**

**Physics
Teachers**

**Ready to
Retire
101**

**Projected
Graduates
16**

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Desired State

Core concepts & skills for all students regardless of postsecondary goals or career track.

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Iowa Core Curriculum

Literacy

Reading, Writing, Viewing, Speaking, Listening

Mathematics

Problem Solving; Communication; Reasoning and Proof; Ability to recognize, make, and apply connections; Ability to construct and apply multiple connected representations

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Science

Science as Inquiry, Earth and Space Science, Life Science, Physical Science

Social Studies

Behavioral Sciences, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science/Civic Literacy

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Iowa Core Curriculum

21st Century Skills

Financial Literacy

Health Literacy

Civic Literacy

Technology Literacy

Employability Skills

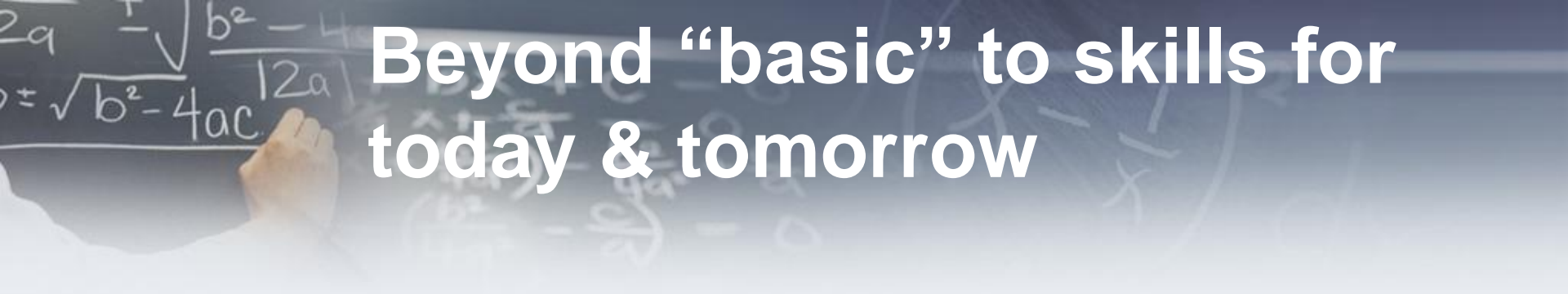
Global Literacy – *yet to come*



Iowa Core Curriculum

Financial Literacy

- Demonstrate financial responsibility and planning skills to achieve financial goals for a lifetime of financial health
- Manage money effectively by developing spending plans and selecting appropriate financial instruments to maintain positive cash flow
- Make informed and responsible decisions about incurring and repaying debt to remain both creditworthy and financially secure
- Evaluate and identify appropriate risk management options, including types of insurance, non-insurance, and identity protection
- Assess the value, features, and planning processes associated with savings, investing, and asset building, and apply this knowledge to achieve long-term financial security with personal and entrepreneurial goals in a global market
- Understand human, cultural, and societal issues related to financial literacy, and practice legal and ethical behavior



Beyond “basic” to skills for today & tomorrow

99%

- Of voters say our country's future economic success is teaching & learning 21st century skills.

80%

- Of voters say the skills students need for today's jobs is different than 20 years ago

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Teaching & Learning

- High Expectations
- Engagement
- “Mile deep – inch wide”



Assessment: For what?

1. Accountability
2. High-stakes decisions
3. Information
4. Alignment
5. Beyond easy to measure
 - Knowledge & Skills
6. Different forms for what & who?
 - Formative – Adjust instruction
 - Summative



Iowa Core Curriculum

Accountability

- Iowa Tests

Summative

- District assessments

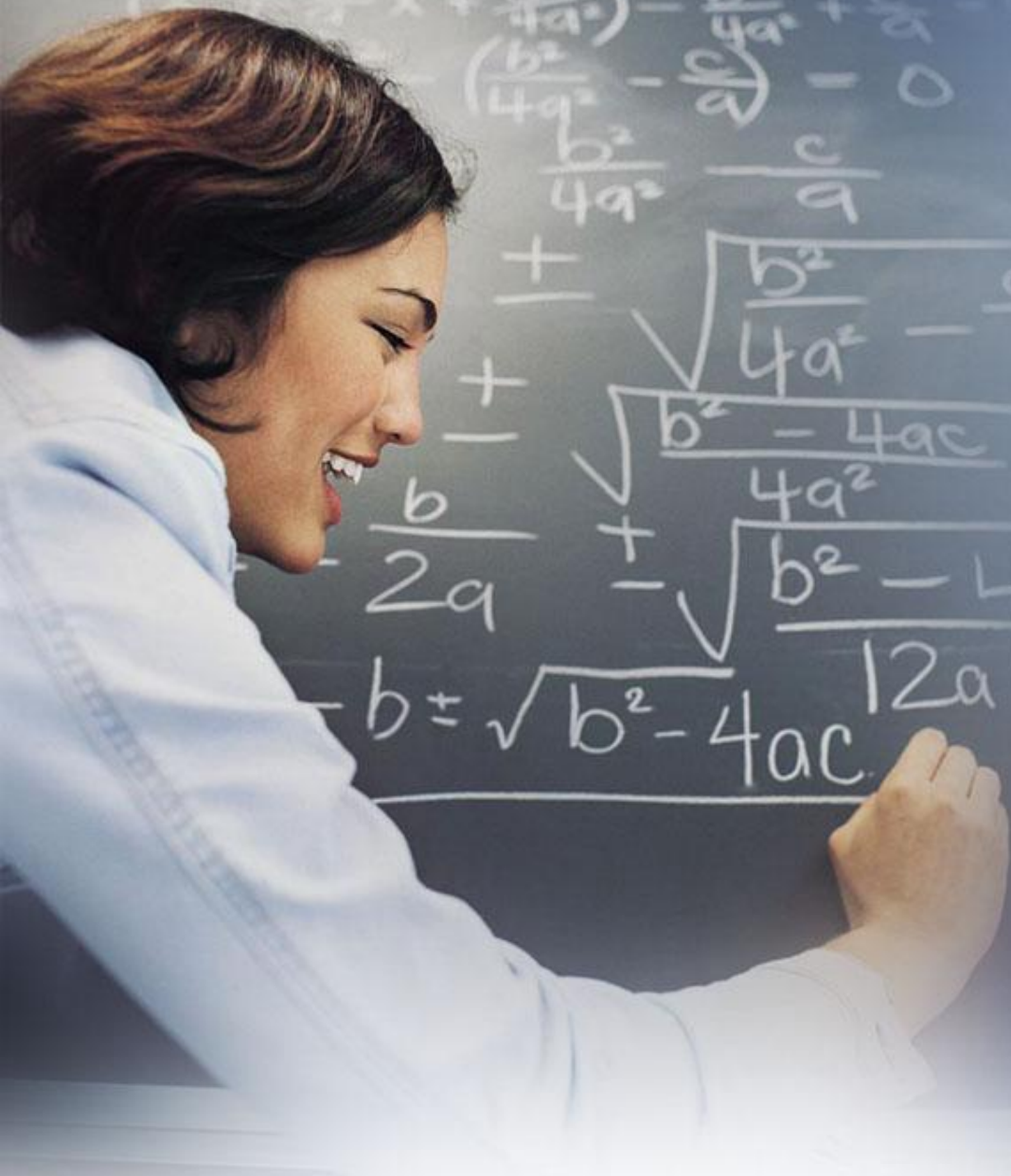
Formative

- Teacher driven at the classroom level

Benchmarks

- District/classroom

Iowa **CORE**
Curriculum



$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$
$$x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \frac{c}{a} = 0$$
$$\left(x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \frac{b^2}{4a^2}\right) - \frac{b^2}{4a^2} + \frac{c}{a} = 0$$
$$\left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{b^2}{4a^2} - \frac{c}{a}\right) = 0$$
$$\frac{b^2}{4a^2} - \frac{c}{a}$$

$$\pm \sqrt{\frac{b^2}{4a^2} - \frac{c}{a}}$$
$$\pm \sqrt{\frac{b^2 - 4ac}{4a^2}}$$
$$\pm \frac{\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac} \quad |2a|$$

Thank you!